

2018-19 IIA North American Chairman

Karen Brady, CIA, CRMA

Karen Brady is 2018-19 Chairman of the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) North American Board of Directors. In this role, Brady provides direction for The IIA's strategic plan in North America and oversees its implementation.

As an active volunteer with The IIA, Brady has served on the North American and Global boards since 2014, including as chairman of the Global Professional Development Committee, 2015-17; member of the North American Advocacy Committee and senior vice chairman of the North American Board, 2017-18; chair of the Learning Solutions Committee; and chair of the 2013 International Conference in Orlando, Florida.



"Find Your Voice" is the theme Brady chose for her term as IIA North American Board Chairman. "I want all internal auditors to reflect on, develop, extend, and communicate the true value they can provide to their organizations," she says. "In finding their voices, auditors will be able to achieve their full potential in serving their organizations, and they will be ensuring their ongoing relevance in a rapidly changing world."

Brady is the Corporate Vice President of Audit and Chief Compliance Officer for Baptist Health South Florida. With more than 18,000 employees and over 3,000 physicians, Baptist Health is the largest, not-for-profit healthcare organization in South Florida, and includes 10 hospitals and more than 50 outpatient facilities spanning four counties.

Brady has been with Baptist Health for more than 25 years. Under her leadership in Audit and Compliance, Baptist Health has been recognized by the Ethisphere Institute as one of the World's Most Ethical Companies for the past eight years. In addition, Baptist Health hospitals are recognized for high quality and patient safety with numerous national and regional awards from *U.S. News & World Report*. She is also past president of the Florida Health Care Compliance Association.

Brady began her career with Ernst & Young in New Orleans and served in various executive positions within the hospitality industry, including Controller and Chief Audit Executive. She is a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) and holds the Certificate in Risk Management Assurance (CRMA).

Recognizing the importance of giving back to the community, Brady serves as chair of the Finance and Audit Committee on the board of Riverside House, a charitable organization that exists to guide men and women convicted of crime into becoming productive citizens through a nondenominational, faith-based approach.

A fitness enthusiast, Brady enjoys travel, hiking and water sports with her husband, Jim.